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*"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son."*—Hebrews 1: 1-2

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## THIS WEEK'S COVER—

Gleaming in the splendour of its Coronation flood lighting, Rochdale Town Hall, where three days of the Centennial Conference will be held, is presented to *Star* readers this week.

The four-day observance of the Church's hundred years in Britain will be held at August Bank Holiday time, July 30th-31st and August 1st-2nd. The first day's services will be held in Preston on the banks of the River Ribble, where the first baptisms were performed on that day a century ago. The remainder of the conference will meet in the Rochdale's beautiful Town Hall.



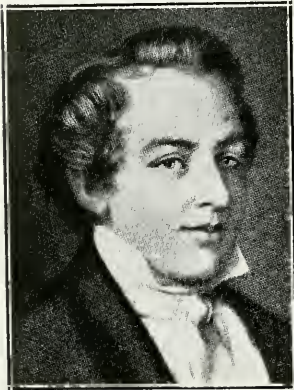
## CONTRIBUTIONS OF JOSEPH SMITH

By ELDER STEPHEN L RICHARDS

*Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles*

I SHALL attempt to enumerate briefly the unique and distinctive contributions of Joseph Smith. I shall not try to appraise their relative importance or set them forth in logical or chronological sequence. Most of these contributions are in the field of theological doctrine. Some, however, are of a more temporal nature.

I name first the new conception of God and the Godhead. There can be no doubt that in the religious world of the Prophet's boyhood there prevailed a very nebulous and uncertain doctrine with reference to the personality of God and the personages of the Trinity. The creedal statements of the day appear to us now as being most difficult of interpretation and understanding if not wholly unintelligible. To this situation the First Vision brought clarity, definiteness and certainty, not as the product of reasoning, argument and sophistication but with the sureness of experience. When Joseph came out of the grove he had no need to argue for a theory—he knew the facts. God is in form like a man. He has a voice. He speaks. He is considerate and kind. He answers prayer. His Son is a like but distinct person. He is obedient to the Father and the mediator between God and man. The presumption of God as a mere essence or principle of power and force in the universe was for all time exploded. The testimony is direct and positive and irrefutable.



Joseph Smith

Many have not believed but no one has ever had the knowledge to disprove it.

The character of the Holy Ghost as a member of the Godhead came to the Prophet later through revelation with a clarity and definiteness exceeding other scriptural pronouncements on the subject. He set forth, "The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's; the Son also; but the Holy Ghost has not a body of flesh and bones, but is a personage of spirit. Were it not so, the Holy Ghost could not dwell in us." The identity and functions of the Holy Ghost are by him also differentiated from those of the Holy Spirit.

Second, I point out a new conception of the nature of the priesthood. I pass by the restoration of the priesthood on which there is testimony of a character entitling it to admissibility in any tribunal, because the restoration postulates a withdrawal of the priesthood from men, which is a controversial subject. On the nature, duties and offices of the priesthood, however, I look in vain for any definitions comparable

to those given by the Prophet.

First there is the wide distribution of the powers and offices of the priesthood among men and boys of the Church. This was a complete innovation so far as modern Christian practice is concerned. None but a selected few had ever claimed or held the right before, although there is respectable historical evidence, not known to the Prophet, to warrant the belief that the same practice was extant in the early church.

But even more important in its novelty do I regard the new constitution of the priesthood as revealed through Joseph Smith. To my thinking there is nothing more beautiful or truly Christ-like in all scripture than this lovely exposition of the divine commission to men to act in the name of God.

Behold, there are many called, but few are chosen. And why are they not chosen?

Because their hearts are set so much upon the things of this world, and aspire to the honours of men, that they do not learn this one lesson—

That the rights of the priesthood are inseparably connected with the powers of heaven, and that the powers of heaven cannot be controlled nor handled only upon the principles of righteousness.

That they may be conferred upon us, it is true; but when we undertake to cover our sins, or to gratify our pride, our vain ambition, or to exercise control or dominion or compulsion upon the souls of the children of men, in any degree of unrighteousness, behold, the heavens withdraw themselves; the Spirit of the Lord is grieved; and when it is withdrawn, Amen to the priesthood or the authority of that man.—Doctrine and Covenants 121: 34-37

No power or influence can or ought to be maintained by virtue of the priesthood, only by persuasion, by long-suffering, by gentleness and meekness, and by love unfeigned;

By kindness, and pure knowledge, which shall greatly enlarge the soul without hypocrisy, and without guile—

Reproving betimes with sharpness, when moved upon by the Holy Ghost; and then showing forth afterwards an increase of love toward him whom thou

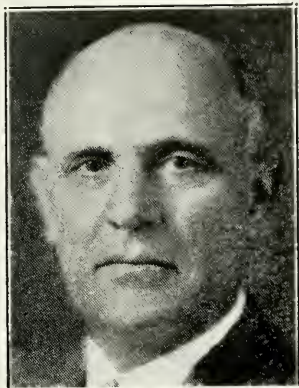
has reproved, lest he esteem thee to be his enemy;

That he may know that thy faithfulness is stronger than the cords of death.

Let thy bowels also be full of charity towards all men, and to the household of faith, and let virtue garnish thy thoughts unceasingly; then shall thy confidence wax strong in the presence of God and the doctrine of the priesthood shall distil upon thy soul as the dews from heaven.

The Holy Ghost shall be thy constant companion, and thy scepter an unchanging scepter of righteousness and truth; and thy dominion shall be an everlasting dominion, and without compulsory means it shall flow unto thee for ever and ever.—Doctrine and Covenants 121: 41-46

Here is the genius of the government of Christ. No compulsion—just persuasion; no unrighteousness or autocracy—



**Stephen L Richards**

Enumerated in the logical and enlightening style so characteristic of Elder Richards are the contributions of the modern-day prophet who was the instrument of God in restoring His Gospel to earth once again. This article is adapted from an address made at the 107th Semi-annual conference of the Church. It will appear in two instalments, the concluding part making its appearance next week.

only goodness and love. Here is the answer to the religious intolerance and crimes of the centuries; the complete refutation of the alleged injustice of God.

I next mention the matter of new revelation, by which is meant divine communication from God to men in these latter days. While this subject is highly important, I need not elaborate it—first, because it is well understood both within and without the Church; and second, because its novelty has never been denied. I do not mean that the validity of the revelations to Joseph Smith have not been denied. They have—but all concede the principle and practice to be an innovation. All logical persons will likewise concede that this doctrine once established is the end of all controversy as to authoritative religion.

Then comes the new concept of man, his past, present and future state. I do not maintain that ideas had not been advanced, prior to the Prophet's time, that were in some respects comparable to his. Undoubtedly the pre-existent state of man was in the belief of many. It could not be otherwise with students of the Bible, but no such comprehensive, coherent, and definite understanding as that set forth by the Prophet had ever appeared before. The continuity of intelligence and intelligences; the fatherhood—and motherhood too, of our individual spirits; the free agency and choice which were ours in the pre-earth life; spiritual creation preceding mortal creation; the relationship of body to spirit in this life and in the hereafter, the transcendent scheme of eternal progression—all these and many related items constitute a unified, logical, authoritative exposition without counterpart in Christian literature.

Of special interest is the concept of the body as tabernacle of the spirit. A philosophy of temporal living has been built around this idea. In it a man's body is a sacred thing. It is not his own to be violated with impunity. God provided it in the form of and as the house of his spirit. Any conscious, wilful impairment of the body is an affront to God. And so it follows that the care of the body has real spiritual significance. It is doubtful if any religious body at any time ever received a more unique and novel doctrine than the Word of Wisdom, the inhibitions of which are known to many, but the underlying philosophy of which is understood by few. By this divine revelation of the will of God men are admonished "not by constraint" but by kindly persuasion to eschew all stimulants, narcotics, and all deleterious substances and to use for food, in proper season, those items of diet that are especially designed for the good of man, with marvellous promises of wisdom and health predicated on obedience.

Closely related to the state of man is the concept of the whole human family as the children of God. On this subject many entirely new contributions were made by Joseph Smith. He established the universal justice and love of God for all His children as no one else has ever done. His theology denies the resurrection to none. All shall come forth from the grave; all bodies shall be reunited with spirits to constitute eternal souls, through the universal redemption of the Saviour. There

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## PRESIDENT CANNON HONOURED

**A** SIGNAL honour came to President Joseph J. Cannon last week, when word was received from the First Presidency that he had been appointed first assistant general superintendent of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association and would be succeeded in the presidency of the Mission by Elder Hugh B. Brown, former president of Lethbridge and Granite Stakes.



Joseph J. Cannon  
*New M.I.A. Officer*

Elder Brown will arrive in Britain the latter part of June, with President Heber J. Grant, and will assume his duties as Mission president shortly after the Centennial Conference the first part of August.



Hugh B. Brown  
*Appointed President*

President Cannon and Elder Burton K. Farnsworth will be assistants to Elder George Q. Morris, recently appointed General Superintendent to succeed Elder Albert E. Bowen, who was chosen at the 107th Annual Conference last month to be a member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles. President Cannon will fill the position formerly held by Elder Morris.

Into his new calling, President Cannon will bring a rich background of M.I.A. experience. In both the Eighteenth and Twentieth Wards in Salt Lake City he has served as superintendent of that organization and in 1928 became Ensign Stake superintendent of the Y.M.M.I.A.

In Elder Brown the Mission will have a man fully qualified to maintain the outstanding record made by President Cannon during the past two and a half years that he has presided over the Church in Britain.

The new president went to Canada with his parents when 15 years of age and laboured as a missionary in Great Britain from 1904 to 1906, when President Grant was presiding over the Mission. Upon his return he was made a Bishop and later a member of the High Council of Alberta Stake. When Lethbridge Stake was formed in 1921, Elder Brown became its first president. During the World War he enlisted in the Canadian Army and went to France in command of a squadron of Mounted Rifles. At the close of the war he was mustered out with the rank of Major.

Soon after moving to Salt Lake City in 1926, Elder Brown was made a counsellor in the Presidency of Granite Stake and became president in 1928, which position he held until 1935, when he was honourably released.—PARRY D. SORENSEN

## FAITH STILL LIVES

### A NON-MEMBER'S VIEW

By DR. SAMUEL R. DAVENPORT

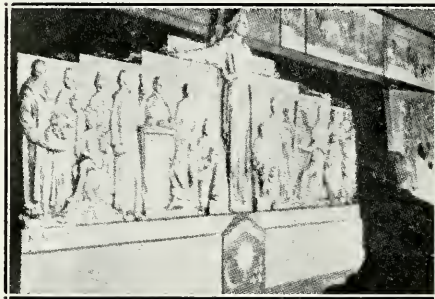
*Of Wisconsin State Teacher's College*

**A**N enforced stopover in Salt Lake City, a visit to a dignified shrine at the San Diego Exposition, an enlightening few minutes at a Wisconsin motion picture theatre, conversations with earnest missionaries and the study of a sincere, inspired record of a people have given me a profound impression of the beauty and strength of the Church of Latter-day Saints.

When the farmer boy in New York State gave to the world the Book of Mormon I cannot help but feel that he was responsible for a vast rejuvenation of religion. His efforts have given hope to thousands of those who are proud to follow Christ. If he left nothing except these words—"Revelation has not ended with John the Apostle"—his memory

would be worthy to be enshrined. It is wonderful for me to know that the works of God continued after the first twelve recorders had passed away.

Is the Book of Mormon authentic? It is to me. Many learned men have defended its factual content. My approach has been from a far different angle. I have known too many manuscripts which are based on fact and all too few which I may BELIEVE.



Church Exhibit at San Diego Exposition

*"A visit to a dignified shrine . . ."*

The Book of Mormon commands belief. I have read its gentle admonitions, its stern precepts, its brave prophecies and its promises of future happiness to those who keep the faith. Its simple, direct language has meant more to me than complex, sophisticated theological treatises. Surely, that which calls forth faith in one who has practiced daily questioning, must always stand above suspicion. The Book of Mormon, in itself, has shown that inspiration is not the property of the age in which Jesus lived and died; but that the inspiration of the Son of Man has continued through all time, through all races and continents.

I believe in the Book of Mormon because I have seen what it has done for others who have had faith in its teachings and commandments. Look through history's pages and close your eyes. Behold: The Cavalcade of Faith; Partings and tears on Pennsylvania hillsides; eyes that looked up towards the stars through a fog of encircling hatred on the Ohio; martyrdom in Missouri; betrayal in Illinois; stark suffering in the pilgrimage across the plains. What did you learn from this? Did you learn eternal distrust? Did it kill your love of your fellow men? Did it destroy patriotism?

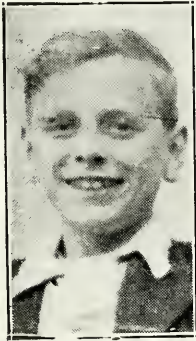


Open your eyes on the answer. The answer is the Mormon Brigade who enlisted for the suppression of human slavery. The answer is free schools and well prepared teachers in every Mormon community. The answer is the co-operation of the Mormon Church with the nation in times of need. The answer is the mines and farms and stores and banks of Mormon cities. The answer is the economic self-sufficiency of the Mormon Church in caring for its unemployed, its dependents and its youth. The answer is the compact Mormon organization in the midst of social lack of organization.

By the past of a people persecuted; by the present of a living Church which provides an earth that gives food, clothing and shelter to its communicants to-day and the hope of a Heaven where those who love God and each other will be reunited tomorrow—I have learned that faith still lives. And Faith is a temple whose sight is pleasant to even the Most High.

### A TYPICAL MORMON BOY

IT has been wisely said that the vitality of an organization can be determined by the effect it has with its youthful members. The religion of the Latter-day Saints has real vitality if we are to judge from the actions, the habits, the attitude, and the enthusiasm of their young people. Lawrence Moore, age 15, who lives in Leeds District and attends Batley Branch is a typical Mormon boy.



**Lawrence Moore**  
*A Youthful  
Missionary.*

His mother and father became members of the Church many years ago, and so Lawrence has been reared in a Latter-day Saint home; has attended a Latter-day Saint Sunday School. Like many English boys, he had to leave school to start work, and now works in a factory along with a goodly number of other men and boys. His companions all know that he is a Mormon, and he lets them know that he is proud of it. He tries to show them his religion by his actions. A short time ago, some of the men at the fac-

tory asked Lawrence to tell them all about his Church—to give them a talk. The next day, to the astonishment of some of them, Lawrence was prepared to give them a speech, and for twenty minutes at lunch time he told them about the Gospel. Upon finishing, he told them to ask any questions they had concerning his Church. Afterwards one of two young women that were present said, "My, but you have courage to speak before us."

On the following day Lawrence distributed some old copies of the *Star* and other pamphlets among the men at the factory. He has also sold a Book of Mormon.—A. Z. RICHARDS, JR.

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THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1937

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EDITORIAL

**PRESIDENT GRANT AND THE GENERAL CONFERENCE**

From individuals and from the press come reports to the effect that the Church has not known before a General Conference so well attended or so thoroughly filled with the spirit of encouragement and uplift and inspiration as was the April Conference this year.

This is an indication that under the magnetic and inspiring leadership of President Heber J. Grant, the work of the Church all around the world has gone forward with bounds which are long and great.

**Magnetic and Inspiring Leadership**

This outstanding growth was also indicated only recently at a Sunday meeting in the South-west London Branch where two returning missionaries from the German Mission, one from Switzerland, one from South Africa and three from Australia, gave enthusiastic reports concerning the work in their respective fields of labour.

The Church everywhere seems to be throbbing with life and interest. In every portion thereof the inspired leadership of President Grant is felt. He has also stirred to great heights of enthusiasm meetings and conventions of Rotary Clubs, of business men's organizations and of scientific associations, as well as great Church gatherings in every part of the United States. He is held in high esteem by people both in and out of the Church. His impressive personality and his public addresses seem to electrify the many audiences before which he speaks.

When the Prophet Samuel was looking for a king of Israel he said: "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart." (Samuel 16: 7) Those who remember President Grant as president of the European Mission know something of his heart already. During his visit to Europe this summer others may learn something of his great heart and his inmost character.

**God Looketh On the Heart**

Much concerning the heart and soul and character of this mighty yet humble man of God, President and leader of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints can be learned from the following excerpts from his recent Conference sermon:

**Mighty but Humble Man**

"I am very grateful to know, as I am entering upon the eighty-first year of my life, that the Latter-day Saints are supporting me with their faith and with their prayers. I believe and acknowledge that the remarkable and splendid health that I enjoy is due in large measure to the faith and prayers of the Latter-day Saints in my behalf.

"Since we last met I have celebrated my eightieth birthday, and since that birthday I have put in as many hours per day in working, if not more, than in previous years and have

done so without fatigue.

"I came to the First Presidency of the Church when I was sixty-three years old, and, lo and behold, everyone tells me I look younger and stronger and better than I did eighteen years ago.

"I render to the Latter-day Saints, from Canada on the north to Mexico on the south, and in the Islands of the sea and our many missions all over the earth, my sincere and heart-felt gratitude and thanks for the many wonderful letters of congratulations sent to me for this birthday.

"I want you good people who are here assembled and all the members of the Church everywhere throughout the world to know that I shall do nothing without the approval of my counsellors and of the Council of the Twelve Apostles. I want you to know that from the day that I became the President of the Tooele Stake of Zion fifty-seven years ago I have desired to know the mind and the will of the Lord. I pledged myself then to give the best that was in me for the advancement of the work and I have fulfilled that pledge.

"I made the same pledge to the people who were assembled in this building when I first became the President of the Church, over eighteen years ago, and I rejoice that  
**But One Desire in his Soul** I have kept that pledge, I have in my soul but one desire and that is the advancement of the work of God and the individual salvation of those who have received the witness of the Holy Spirit. My constant prayer is that my personal ideas and desires shall be subordinated to the desires of God. I am anxious only that the will of our Father in Heaven shall be carried out in all the works of the Latter-day Saints.

"The Lord bless you and help you to keep His commandments, and to set an example of honesty, integrity and devotion. I will never do a thing that I cannot get on my knees and plead with God to help me to do it and I ask no more of any man than I am willing to do myself."

The inmost soul of this good man, his sympathetic nature, his unselfishness, his high ideals may be understood to some degree by the following quotation which he has circulated among his friends: "A man is a man when he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows. Yea, a man is a man when he knows how to sympathize with men even in their sins. A man is a man when he knows that each man fights a hard fight against many odds, when he has learned how to make friends and how to keep them. A man is a man when no voice of distress reached his ears in vain, when no hand seeks his aid without response, when he finds good in every faith that helps any man to lay hold of divine things, whatever the name of that faith may be."

The *Millennial Star*, the members of the Church and their friends throughout all Europe will unite in extending a hearty welcome to the President of the Church when he comes. Those who may have the good fortune to hear the ringing voice and feel the power and inspiration of this outstanding leader may count themselves as truly fortunate.

—RICHARD R. LYMAN



## REAPING THE HARVEST

*By President Wilford Woodruff*

*Last week's instalment told of Elder Woodruff's experiences in the latter part of 1837, when he introduced the Gospel to the Fox Islands which lie off the coast of Maine. He had one opportunity to preach in the Baptist Church on North Fox Island and other meetings were held in the four school houses there. Mr. Newton, the minister, welcomed Elders Woodruff and Jonathan H. Hale kindly at first. However, he later turned against them.*

### CHAPTER X

#### of LEAVES FROM MY JOURNAL

**D**URING the first thirteen days of our sojourn upon the island we preached seventeen discourses, being invited by the people to tarry with them. I left a copy of the Doctrine and Covenants with Mr. Newton for his perusal. He read it, and the Spirit of God bore testimony to him of its truth. He pondered over it for days, and he walked his room several times until midnight trying to decide whether to receive or reject it. He and his family attended about a dozen of my first meetings, and then he made up his mind, contrary to the dictation of the Spirit of God to him, to reject the testimony, and come out against me. However, we commenced baptizing his flock.

The first two we baptized were a sea captain, by the name of Justin Eames, and his wife. Brother Jonathan H. Hale went down into the sea and baptized them on the 3rd of September, and these were the first baptisms performed by proper authority upon any of the islands of the sea (to my knowledge) in this dispensation.

Before we left Kirtland, Ohio, some of the leading apostates there had tried to discourage Brother Hale about going upon his mission, telling him he would never baptize anyone, and he had better remain at home. When Captain Eames offered himself for baptism, I told Brother Hale to go and baptize him, and prove these men false prophets.

On the following Sabbath I baptized his brother, Ebenezer Eames, another sea captain.

Mr. Newton, the Baptist minister, now commenced a war against us, and sent to the South Island for a Mr. Douglass, a Methodist minister (with whom he had been at variance for years) to come over and help him put down Mormonism. Mr. Douglass came over, and they got as many people together as they could and held a conference. He railed against the Prophet Joseph Smith, and the Book of Mormon, and taking the book in his hand, with out-stretched arm, declared that he feared none of the judgments of God that would come upon him for rejecting it as the word of God. (I never heard what his sentiments upon this subject were at the end of his term of fourteen years' imprisonment in the Thomaston peniten-

tiary, for an outrage upon his daughter, the judgment of which was given upon the testimony of his wife and daughter.)

I was present and heard Mr. Douglass' speech upon this occasion, and took minutes of the same. When he closed I arose and informed the people that I would meet them next Sunday in the meeting house, and answer Mr. Douglass, and wished him, as well as the people, to be present. I informed the people that Mr. Douglass had made false statements against Joseph Smith and the Latter-day Saints, with whom he had no acquaintance, and he had misquoted much scripture, all of which I would correct.

We continued to baptize the people of the North Island until we had baptized every person who owned an interest in the Baptist meeting house. I then followed Mr. Douglass home to the South Island and preached the Gospel to and baptized nearly all the members of his church.

The excitement became great upon both islands, and on the following Sunday I met a large assembly from both Islands, and took the same subject that Mr. Douglass had dwelt upon in his remarks against the Book of Mormon and our principles. I spoke two and a half hours and answered every objection against the Book of Mormon, Joseph Smith, or our principles. I had good attention, and the people seemed satisfied. At the close of the meeting Elder Hale administered the ordinance of baptism.

Mr. Newton in order to save his cause, went to the mainland and brought over several ministers with him and held a protracted meeting. They hoped by this to stop the work of God, but all to no avail, for the whole people would attend our meeting and receive the word of God, and we continued to baptize. We visited the dwellings of most of the inhabitants during our sojourn there.

One day Elder Hale and I ascended to the top of a high granite rock upon the South Island for prayer and supplication. We sat down under the shade of a pine tree which grew out of a fissure in a rock, and Elder Hale read the 16th chapter of Jeremiah, where mention is made of the hunters and fishers that God would send in the last days to gather Israel. Of a truth, here we were upon an island of the sea, standing upon a rock where we could survey the gallant ships and also the islands, which were as full of rocks, ledges and caves as any part of the earth. And what had brought us here? To search out the blood of Ephraim, the honest and meek of the earth, and gather them from those islands, rocks, holes, and caves of the earth unto Zion.

We prayed and rejoiced together. The Spirit of God rested upon us; we spoke of Christ and the ancient prophets and apostles in Jerusalem; of Nephi, Alma, Mormon and Moroni in America; Joseph, Hyrum, Oliver, and the apostles in our own day, and we rejoiced that we were upon the islands of the sea searching out the blood of Israel. While being filled with these meditations and the Spirit of God, we fell upon our knees and gave thanks to the God of heaven, and felt to pray for all Israel.

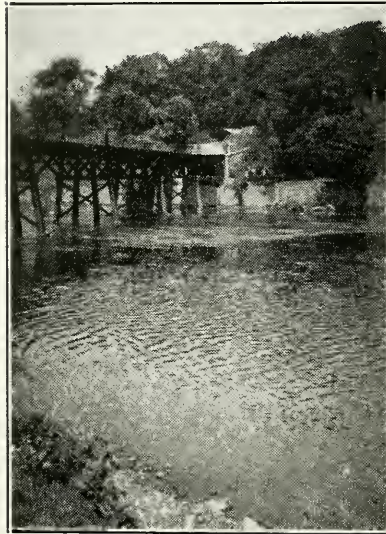
## CENTENNIAL PLANS GO FORWARD

ON July 30th, one hundred years ago, two men raced along the green banks of the River Ribble in Preston towards the water's edge for the honour of being the first in England to be baptized into the Church in this dispensation. While a concourse of between seven and nine thousand people looked on, Elder Heber C. Kimball known as the "father" of the British Mission, baptized George D. Watt, who, being the younger of the two had won the race to the water. Exactly one week before that, the Gospel door had been opened to Britain by Elder Kimball and six associates in Preston's Vaux-

hall, then the Particular Baptist Chapel. On that memorable July 30th nine people were baptized and became members of the Church. Since then more than 125,000 have heard and accepted the Gospel in Britain.

That memorable day will be recalled this year, exactly a century later when the first day services of the Centennial Conference will be conducted at the spot where the first baptisms took place, with President Heber J. Grant taking the leading part in the services.

Such is the plan for the Centennial Conference which will convene in the Lancashire towns of Preston and Rochdale. After the riverside services on the Ribble, the other conference sessions will convene in the Town Hall in nearby Rochdale on the Bank Holiday, Saturday, Sunday



The River Ribble

*Services will be held on its banks.*

and Monday, July 31st and August 1st—2nd. Hundreds of members, friends, missionaries and Church officials are expected to be on hand for this Centenary observance.

Much the same programme that had been worked out for the conference to have been held in London at Whitsuntide will be followed at Rochdale. All the auxiliaries in the Mission, including the Mutual Improvement Associations, Primary Association, Relief Society, Sunday School and Genealogical Society will participate. All of the features of M.I.A. and Primary conventions at Kidderminster in 1935 and 1936 will be retained, along with those of the additional auxiliaries taking part. A pageant depicting the history of the Church in Britain will also be presented.

Meantime, as preparations go forward for the greatest event in the Mission's history, the deadline for the Centennial Writ-



ing and Centennial Poetry contests grows close. All entries in these two contests must be submitted by June 15th, so that they may be judged and the winners included in the Centennial *Star* to be issued at conference time. To Lowestoft Branch in Norwich District goes the honour of submitting the most entries to date. Both Brother John Francis Cook and Rosa Mary Tegerdine, a non-member, have entered the poetry contest.

Rules for the contests specify that in both, the entries must deal with the Centennial theme. There is no limit to the length of the poems, but the writing contest entries are limited to 1,500 words. Send them to Contest Editor, *Millennial Star*, 5, Gordon Square, London, W.C.1. First, second and third prizes will be given in both contests.—PARRY D. SORENSEN

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will be general salvation for all in the sense in which the term is generally used, but salvation, meaning resurrection, is not exaltation. In the hereafter, as in this life, there are degrees of glory, preferential places and conditions. Goodness and obedience will bring their rewards, the highest of which is to dwell in the presence of God and His Son. The prescribed requirements of the Gospel, such as baptism, confirmation, and other ordinances are not prerequisites for the resurrection as many suppose. They are necessary only for exaltation—the highest station.

Exaltation is not planned merely for a few select ones. It is designed for all who will prepare to enter the Kingdom. Everyone is given the opportunity to prepare, not only those living, but they who have died, as well. Such is the justice of the Father.

(The concluding part of Elder Richards' article will appear in next week's *Star*.)

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### SCOTTISH DISTRICT STAR BANQUET

Probably the first banquet of its kind in Britain was held Wednesday evening, May 5th, in Glasgow, when readers of the *Millennial Star* from all parts of that city met and enjoyed an informal evening of association and entertainment together. The missionaries in Scotland arranged the affair, which included a dinner and an interesting programme. Tickets were sold at 1/3 per plate.

Glasgow Branch hall was appropriately decorated for the occasion, and Mr. John H. Sinclair, an ardent *Star* reader and friend, was master of ceremonies. Vocal quartette numbers were rendered by Sisters Mina and Jessie Thomson, Brother Robert Thomson, and Brother Robert McQueen. Mrs. Tom Tod, accompanied by Miss Barbara Stevens, gave a vocal solo. Sister Gabrielle McConnell gave impersonations of several prominent people, and Brothers James Gemmell and Alexander Leslie put on an act. Elder McLachlan related the early history of the *Star* and its founding in 1840, and after his talk he was awarded a silver *Star* pin at the hands of Elder Carl B. Bradshaw.

Eighty people were present, and for many it was the first Latter-day Saint meeting they had ever attended. New friendships were made and their value will be felt as time goes on. We all hope that other banquets will be held.

## NEWS OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**AMONG** Coronation visitors in London last week was Elder George D. Pyper, General Superintendent of the Deseret Sunday School



Elder Pyper

Union, who arrived on the s.s. *Washington* on Tuesday, May 11th. Elder Pyper will be one of the three official delegates from Salt Lake Rotary Club to the Rotary International convention to be held June 6th to 11th in Nice, France. Prior to attending the convention,

Elder Pyper attended the German-Austrian Mission-wide conference held in Berlin last week-end and will be at the European Mission presidents' conference which convenes in Paris May 26th. He will then tour the continent and return to Britain in time for the Mission Centennial.

**OTHER VISITORS** were President Edward C. Rich, of Montpelier Stake, in Idaho, his wife, and twin sons, Elders Emerson R. and Edward H. Rich, who are on their way home after touring Europe for the past two months. The sons have laboured in the German-Austrian Mission for the past two and a half years and were recently honourably released from their labours. President Rich was a missionary in Great Britain in 1896-98 and filled a second mission in this country in 1909-11. He laboured in the Cheltenham and Nottingham conferences during his first mission and during the second in the Leeds conference.

**TEXAS MISSION**, covering the largest state in the United States, now has a new president in the person of Elder Elray L. Christiansen, who succeeded President James M. Peterson. The new president and his wife both served as missionaries in Texas in 1924-25, when it was a part of the Central States Mission.

**TEN** prominent alumni members of Brigham Young University will be honoured next month when they



Sister Lyman

will be given the "Distinguished Alumni Award." One of the ten is Sister Amy Brown Lyman, consulting advisor for women's auxiliaries in the European Mission, who will be given the award in recognition of her work in the field of Social Service. Other alum-

ni members who will be honoured include Elder Reed Smoot, of the Council of the Twelve Apostles and former United States Senator; Elder William H. King, United States Senator; George Sutherland, Justice of the United States Supreme Court; Alice Louise Reynolds, professor of English at the University; Dr. Harvey Fletcher, president of New York Stake and internationally known electrical engineer, at present director of physical research for the Bell Telephone Laboratories; Dr. Franklin S. Harris, president of the University; Dr. Arthur L. Beeley, a native of England, and now head of the department of Sociology at the University of Utah; Dr. Vern O. Knudsen, dean of the graduate school at the University of California at Los Angeles; and Philo T. Farnsworth, one of the world's foremost television engineers.

**TO ATTEND** a mission-wide conference of the German-Austrian Mission, held over the week-end in Berlin, President Richard R. Lyman and Sister Amy Brown Lyman left last week for the German capital. Following the conference, they will go to Paris for the European Mission presidents' conference to be held there May 26th to June 5th.

Mission presidents and their wives from nine European Missions will be in attendance at the meetings. The Lymans will return to London at the conclusion of the conference.

## OF CURRENT INTEREST

**THE NEW THREEPENNY PIECE** has created a minor crisis in the banks. Old silver threepenny-bits have always been bulked with half-crowns, florins, shillings, and six-pences when brought for deposit, and so payers-in continued the same practice with the new twelve-sided coins. Now bank tellers cannot follow the custom of weighing the coins in £5 lots. Instead, the cash must be counted. At a conference when bank chiefs discussed the new problem, a decision was made. Now special green bags to hold ten shillings worth are provided for paying-in threepenny pieces.

**THE ORIGINAL** manuscript of the famous song, "Onward Christian Soldiers," written more than 70 years ago, recently changed hands. Its price is unknown, but is thought to be well over £100. The history of "Onward Christian Soldiers" is interesting to recall at this time. Sabine Baring-Gould, a minister at Horbury, England, back in 1865, was preparing to lead a portion of his flock to a neighbouring town to participate in a religious festival. A marching song that would express the progressive impulse of Christianity was needed. Through the night he worked, penning the words,

and in the morning he taught them to the children. Sir Arthur Sullivan wrote the familiar tune in 1871 and since that time it has been sung all along the Christian way.

**ST. CATHERINE'S** Lighthouse, near Ventnor, Isle of Wight, now serves a dual purpose. Recently the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds erected extensive perches about its tower. Birds have always been attracted by the bright light and they flew around the lighthouse until they dropped exhausted. But now the feathered migrants find a new haven where they can rest in great flocks.

**THE ELECTRIC EEL**, found mainly in the jungle piercing rivers of Brazil, have the reputation for being the most efficient power generators known to physical science. Dr. Richard T. Cox and Robert S. Mathews, while in South America, recently found that the eels are capable of giving a 500-volt shock. In the New York Aquarium tanks, the scientists approached their new captives with considerable more care than that displayed a year ago when several voltmeters and ammeters were burned out because *eel-ectricity* had been considerably underestimated.

### NORWICH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The presidency of Norwich District was reorganized at the district conference held Sunday, May 9th, in Norwich Branch Chapel. Brother Frank M. Coleby, of Lowestoft Branch, was sustained as district president to succeed Brother Alfred Burrell, who is moving to America. His first and second counsellors will be Brothers John F. Cook and Alfred Woodhouse respectively, former counsellors to President Burrell.

The new president conducted the evening session of the conference, at which President Joseph J. Cannon was the principal speaker. Others included Supervising Elder LeRoy A. Kettle, Elder Arthur C. Porter, and Sister Gertrude Horlacher, lady missionary. Musical numbers at the meetings were fur-

nished by the Lowestoft Branch Choir, directed by Elder Porter, and Brother Albert Cole and Sister Mildred Jennis, who sang vocal solos.

President Cannon, President Coleby, Brother Cook, Elders E. Max Phillips and Seth H. Young were speakers at the afternoon session, conducted by Brother Woodhouse. Brother Cook conducted the morning meeting, at which speakers included Elders John E. Cameron, Richard B. Mendenhall, Russell B. Beard, Max Garn Capener, and President Cannon.

London District conference is the only one remaining in the spring series. It will be held Sunday, May 24th, in North London Branch Chapel, 59, Clissold Road, Stoke Newington, N.16.



## FROM THE MISSION FIELD

### Doings in the Districts—

**BIRMINGHAM**—Special services for Mothers' Day were held in Nun-eaton Branch Sunday, May 9th. The programme was arranged and presented by the Sunday School under the direction of Superintendent Clarence Linnett and Counselors William Seckington and Sarah Seckington. Brother Seckington, Sisters Elsie Linnett, and Lucy Nightingale spoke on the occasion.

Sparkbrook Branch Sunday School sponsored its last social of the season on Saturday, May 8th, under the direction of Superintendent William J. Dyson. Brother William St. John Yates acted as master of ceremonies. Brothers Albert Collins, Charles Collins, and Sisters Dora Green, Terry Webb, age 3, Jessie Yates, Doris Webb, and Patricia Wilkins also took part on the programme.

**BRISTOL**—Brother R. S. Mavin, a member of Plymouth Branch and a petty officer in H.M. Royal Navy, was awarded First Prize when he competed with twenty-six other contestants in the lecture contest at the Royal Naval Barracks, Plymouth, Thursday, April 29th. The subject of Brother Mavin's lecture before the officers was "The March of the Mormon Pioneers."

**LIVERPOOL**—About fifty members and friends of Preston Branch met at a successful Coronation banquet Thursday, May 6th. Elder King E. Beagley, branch president, gave toasts to the King and Queen. The affair was under the supervision of the Y.W.M.I.A. presidency of the branch, consisting of Sisters Gertrude Corless, Jenny Sinfield, and Bessie Corless.

**LONDON**—Mother's Day and the Coronation were observed at Brighton Branch on Sunday, May 9th. Appropriate floral and other decorations were furnished by Brother Edward P. Thompsett. Speakers were Elder Richard S. Tanner and Sister Marie Waldram, lady missionary.

North London Branch recreation hall was the scene of a dance sponsored by the Branch M.I.A. Brother

James Hill was master of ceremonies and Tom Lock's Omega Dance Band furnished the music.

**MANCHESTER** — Seventy-five members and friends enjoyed a social in Rochdale Branch Chapel Saturday, May 8th, under the direction of Brothers Norman Woodhead and William Fitton.

Sister Jean Richardson was chosen Rose Queen at a Mother's social held Saturday, May 8th, by Hyde Branch Sunday School. On the following day a Mother's Day programme was given in Sunday School, at which the Rose Queen presented Mothers' mottoes to the mothers present.

Supervising Elder Vernon A. Cooley and Elder Woodrow D. Marriott spoke to approximately 100 people at the Hyde P.S.A. Church on Sunday, May 9th.

**NEWCASTLE**—Supervising Elder A. Leslie Derbyshire and Elder George D. Bryson recently presented the illustrated lecture "Down Pioneer Trails" before the Heaton Fellowship Club and Desmand Toc H Club of Newcastle-on-Tyne, Skelton Branch of Toc H, and Middlesbrough Toc H Club. Each group received them hospitably.

**SHEFFIELD** — Supervising Elder Victor L. Bingham, recently released from his labours in the British Mission, was the honoured guest at a social given by Sheffield Branch. District President George H. Bailey presented Elder Bingham with a token of esteem from members and friends of the branch. Branch President Harry V. Bailey was in charge of the affair.

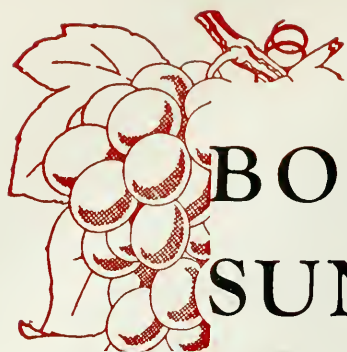
Members of the library committee of Sheffield Branch held a social in the Branch Chapel Saturday, May 8th, to inaugurate a new reading course among the members. The meeting was conducted by Sister Rose B. Bailey.

Brother George A. Stubbs conducted a Mother's Day programme in Sheffield Branch on Sunday, May 9th. Sisters Janet Green and Doreen Bellamy presented each mother with white narcissi.

## LATTER-DAY SAINT MEETING PLACES IN BRITAIN

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- Aberdeen:**  
Corn Exchange,  
Hadden Street,  
Off Market Street.
- Accrington:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
Over 9, Church St.
- Airdrie:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
40, Hallcraig Street.
- Barnsley:**  
Arcade Buildings.
- Batley:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
13, Wellington Street.
- Belfast:**  
Arcade Buildings,  
122, Upper North St.
- Birmingham:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
23, Booth Street.  
Handsworth.  
Council Schools,  
Stratford Road,  
Sparkbrook.
- Blackburn:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
St. Peter's Street.
- Bradford:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
Woodlands Street,  
Off City Road.
- Brighton:**  
155, Queen's Road.
- Bristol:**  
Hannah More Hall,  
45, Park St., Clifton.
- Burnley:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
1, Liverpool Road,  
Rosegrove.
- Cardiff:**  
Enquire:  
98, Albany Road.
- Clayton:**  
Central Hall.
- Derby:**  
Unity Hall.
- Doncaster:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
Trafford Street.
- Dublin:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
8, Merrion Row.
- Eastwood:**  
Library, Church St.
- Edinburgh:**  
Ruskin House,  
15, Windsor Place.
- Gainsborough:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
Curtis Yard.
- Gateshead:**  
Westfield Hall,  
Westfield Terrace.
- Glasgow:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
7, Ashley Street,  
Off Woodlands Road.
- Great Yarmouth:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
66a, South Quay.
- Grimsby:**  
Thrift Hall,  
Pasture Street.
- Halifax:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
35, Brinton Terrace,  
Off Hansen Lane.
- Hexham:**  
Deseret,  
Alexandra Terrace.
- Hucknall:**  
Byron Buildings.
- Hull:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
Wellington Lane, and  
Berkeley Street.
- Kidderminster:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
Park Street.
- Leeds:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
5, Westfield Road.
- Leicester:**  
All Saints' Open,  
Great Central Street.
- Letchworth:**  
Vasanta Hall,  
Gernon Walk.
- Liverpool:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
301, Edge Lane.
- London:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
59, Clissold Rd., N.16.  
Ravenslea,  
149, Nightingale Lane,  
S.W.12.
- Loughborough:**  
Aault School.
- Lowestoft:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
2d, Clapham Road.
- Luton:**  
Dallow Road Hall,  
Corner of Dallow and  
Naseby Roads.
- Mansfield:**  
39a, Albert Street.
- Merthyr Tydfil:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
Penyard Road.
- Middlesbrough:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
188, Linthorpe Road.
- Nelson:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
10, Hibson Road.
- Northampton:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
89, St. Michael's Str.
- North Walsham:**  
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32, Norwich Road.
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L. D. S. Hall,  
8, Southwell Road.
- Norwich:**  
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60, Park Lane.
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Masonic Hall.
- Plymouth:**  
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34, Park Street,  
Tavistock Road.
- Pontllanfraith:**  
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81, Brynteg Street.
- Portsmouth:**  
Pimco Hall,  
Heidelberg Road,  
Southsea.
- Preston, Lancs:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
96, Friargate.
- Rawmarsh:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
Main Street.
- Sheffield:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
Corner of Ellesmere  
and Lyons Roads.
- Shildon:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
100, Main Street.
- Skelton:**  
Scott Rooms,  
Boosebeck Road,  
Skelton Green.
- South Shields:**  
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98, Fowler Street.
- St. Albans:**  
49, Spencer Street.
- Sunderland:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
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- Tipton:**  
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- Varteg:**  
Memorial Hall.
- West Hartlepool:**  
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